GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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COMPENSATION TO VICTIMS OF BHOPAL GAS TRAGEDY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the persons affected by the Bhopal Gas Tragedy and their families have not received compensation so far;

(b) if so, the number of persons affected by the tragedy and the number of persons received compensation alongwith the number of cases pending with the Government;

(c) the reasons for their pendency; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI B.K.HANDIQUE)

(a) to (d) The process of distribution of compensation commenced in 1992 and 10,29,517 claim cases were filed for compensation. All the cases have since been settled. As on 30- 09-2008, compensation has been awarded to 5,74,361 claimants of the Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster, found to be eligible by the Welfare Commissioner, who is a sitting judge of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh. In addition to this, in compliance with the orders of the Supreme Court dated 19th July 2004 and 26th October 2004, pro-rata compensation on 1:1 basis has been disbursed among 5,62,327 claimants, till 19-09-2008. The work related to distribution of original and pro-rata compensation to the victims of the Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster, in compliance with the orders of the Supreme Court, is continuing.